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1. IN THE LATEST OF A SERIES OF TRADE PROMOTION VISITS BY DANISH OFFICIALS TO COMMUNIST COUNTRIES, FOREIGN MINISTER NORGAARD WILL IN MARCH HEAD A GOVERNMENT-INDUSTRY DELEGATION TO THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. THE DANES HOPE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT THE TRIP COINCIDES WITH THE FORMULATION OF A NEW FIVE YEAR PLAN BY THE CHINESE.

2. NORGAARD WILL TRAVEL FIRST TO CANTON ON MARCH 11, PROCEEDING FROM THERE TO PEKING VIA A STOP IN SHANGHAI. HE WILL MEET WITH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND HELP INTRODUCE THE TRADE DELEGATION, WHICH ARRIVES SOMEWHAT LATER AND WHICH WILL STAY ON A COUPLE OF WEEKS AFTER NORGAARD'S DEPARTURE.

3. DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC-COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH STATE TRADING COMPANIES, THUNE ANDERSE, WILL PRECEDE NORGAARD TO PEKING BY TWO DAYS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DENMARK-CHINA MIXED COMMISSION FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL MATTERS THAT WAS SET UP DURING THE VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER HARTLING IN 1974 (REF B).

4. THUNE ANDERSEN HAS INFORMED US THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP IS TO PROMOTE TRADE, AND HE DOES NOT EXPECT ANY MAJOR POLICY DISCUSSIONS TO BE HELD. HE SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT TALKS ABOUT AN AVIATION AGREEMENT (SEE PARA 5 REF B) HAVE NOT BEEN SCHEDULED.

5. COMMENT: WE TAKE AT FACE VALUE THE DANES' CHARACTERIZATION OF THIS TRIP AS ONE FOR TRADE PROMOTION. THERE IS NO INDICATION AT THIS TIME THAT NORGAARD INTENDS TO TRY TO SPEAK FOR ANYONE OTHER THAN DENMARK, DESPITE THE DANE'S GROWING REPUTATION FOR ACTING AS SELF-APPOINTED EC EMISSARIES (REF A).
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